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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(1))**

Please delete the paragraph which appears at column 2, lines 20–27 of the specification, and replace it with the following paragraph:

An object of the present invention is to provide a new self-aligning and self-connecting double ring coupler hitch assembly between a towing vehicle and a towed trailer incorporating a simple flanged structure for guiding a double ring coupler smoothly into a [spherical] housing where it is locked into place with a coupler pin which falls, with the use of gravity, vertically downward through the part spherical housing and the double ring coupler.

Please delete the paragraph which appears at column 2, lines 37–45 of the specification, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Another object of the invention is to provide a hitch in accordance with the preceding objects in which the trailer hitch component consists of a double ring coupling assembly in which the outer ring moves three dimensionally about a fixed inner ring, and which also moves three dimensionally within a part spherical housing component, thus allowing maximum movement of the trailer tongue and towed trailer vertically and horizontally within a continuous plane in relation to the rear of the towing vehicle.

Please delete the paragraph which appears at column 2, lines 60–62 of the specification, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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FIG. 5 is a sectional view illustrating the engagement of the double ring coupler within the part spherical housing with the inner ring locked in place by the coupler pin.

Please delete the paragraph which appears at column 2, lines 63-67 of the specification, and replace it with the following paragraph:

FIG. 6 is a perspective view illustrating the freedom of three dimensional movement of the double ring coupler shaft within the part spherical housing and about the inner ring, thus resulting in maximum horizontal, vertical and rotational movement of the trailer tongue and hence trailer.